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SUBJECT: JAMAICAN FOREIGN MINISTER THOMPSON'S NEW YORK SPEECH
OF OCTOBER AT THE CENTER FOR INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS

1. SUMMARY: IN A RECENT NEW YORK SPEECH JAMAICAN FOREIGN
MINISTER THOMPSON DECRIED THE LACK OF DIALOGUE BETWEEN
THE DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. HE NOTED THE
FAILURE OF THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM AND THE RISE OF
THIRD WORLD ALTERNATIVES. HE DESCRIBED JAMAICA'S OWN
HISTORICAL EXPERIENCE IN GAINING ECONOMIC INDEPENDENCE,
DENOUNCED DISSTORTED REPORTING ON JAMAICA IN THE
WESTERN MEDIA, DEVELOPED DESTABILIZATION CLAIMS, AND
OUTLINED JAMAICA'S RELATIONSHIP WITH CUBA. END SUMMARY.

2. LACK OF DIALOGUE: IN AN OCTOBER 7 SPEECH AT THE
CENTER FOR INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONS IN NEW YORK, JAMAICAN
FOREIGN MINISTER DUDLEY THOMPSON DISCUSSED THE NEED FOR
DISLOGUE BETWEEN THE DEVELOPED AND THE DEVELOVPING COUNTRIES,
PARTICULARLY AMONG THE COUNTRIES OF THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE.
HE SAID THAT THE US MAINTAINS HISTORICAL POLICIES TOWARDS
LATIN AMERICA AND THAT NO GENUINE DIALOGUE EXISTS.
HE MAINTAINED THAT THE U.S. FAILS TO RESPECT THE PRINCIPLE OF
SOVERIEGN EQUALITY OF STATES AND ALONG WITH OTHER DC'S "SUBSTI-
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TUES POWER AND BEAURACRACY FOR INTELLIGENT POLCIES".

PREFERRING "THE CARROT AND STICK APPROACH" IN DEALING WITH THE THIRD WORLD, AND ATTEMPTING INTERFERENCE IN THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS OF SMALLER COUNTRIES.

3. THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM: CONCERNING THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM THOMPSON SAID THAT THE U.S. IS MORE INTEGRATED INTO THE NORTH ATLANTIC ECONOMIC SYSTEM THAN THE HEMISPHERIC SYSTEM, WHERE IT PURSUES ITS INTERESTS THROUGH BILATERAL RATHER THAN MULTILATERAL RELATIONS. U.S. USES THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM TO "DRUM UP SUPPORT FOR QUESTIONABLE POLITICAL PURPOSES" AGAINST CUBA AND TO OSTRACIZE GUYANA. HE CALLS SELA AN ALTERNATIVE TO THE INTER-AMERICAN SYSTEM.

4. JAMAICA'S EXPERIENCE: THOMPSON SAID JAMICA WAS A "CLASSIC CASE OF ECONOMIC DOMINATION" AND THAT UP UNTIL 1974 HIS COUNTRY DID NOT RECEIVE FULL VALUE FOR ITS BAUXITE. HE CITED FIGURES FROM THE PERIOD OF 1970 TO 1973 DOCUMENTING AN INCREASED YIELD OF ALUMINA FROM BAUXITE, BUT A PARALLEL DROP IN BAUXITE PRICES FROM 30 JAMAICAN DOLLARS IN 1970 TO 24 JAMAICAN DOLLARS PER TON IN 1973. THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT JAMAICA HAD NOW DEVELOPED A "WORKING PARTNERSHIP" WITH FOREIGN COMPANIES IN JAMAICA. JAMAICA INTENDS TO KEEP UP ITS SUPPLY OF BAUXITE TO THE U.S., ITS BIGGEST MARKET.

5. HUMAN RIGHTS AND FOREIGN ASSISTANCE: THOMPSON CLAIMED THAT THE U.S. GIVES AID EASILY TO "FASCIST REGIMES" IN THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE BUT WAS LESS GENEROUS WITH COUNTRIES WHICH PRACTICED DEMOCRACY AND SOUTH SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR THEIR PEOPLES. HE URGED LINKING AID TO HUMAN RIGHTS.

6. CRITICISES MEDIA: THE FOREIGN MINISTER, WHILE RESISTING A BLANKET ACCUSATION, CLAIMED "GROSS DISTORTION OF THE TRUTH" IN THE U.S. MEDIA. HE SAID HE WAS ESPECIALLY DISTURBED AT THE FAILURE OF THE US GOVERNMENT TO MAKE OFFICIAL DISCLAIMERS TO STATEMENTS IN THE PRESS. HE CITED AS AN EXAMPLE A NEWSPAPER ARTICLE OF AUGUST 1 WHICH QUOTED "OFFICIAL SOURCES" AS SAYING US AMBASSADORS IN THE CARIBBEAN ARE NOW CARRYING SIDEARMS AND THAT US LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMBASSIES ARE PREPARING EVACUATION PLANS FOR CARIBBEAN COUNTRIES. HE ALSO CITED REPORTING OF ALLEGED SECRET TRAINING OF 300 JAMAICAN POLICE IN CUBA. THOMPSON EXPRESSED SATISFACTION, HOWEVER, AT DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LUER'S DISCLAIMERS OF COMMUNIST INFLUENCE IN JAMAICA DURING CONGRESSIONAL HEARINGS EARLIER THIS YEAR. THOMPSON FELT THAT MUCH OF THIS MISINFORMATION COMES FROM JAMAICANS WHO RESIST CHANGE IN THEIR OWN COUNTRY.

7. CLARIFIES DESTABILIZATION CHARGES: THE FOREIGN MINISTER SAID THAT MOST PEOPLE IN DISCUSSING THE CIA DO NOT UNDERSTAND THAT THE AGENCY IS A RECOGNIZED INSTRUMENT OF US POLICY. NEVERTHELESS, HIS GOVERNMENT HAD NOTED AFTER THE ANGOLAN WAR A SERIES OF "UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES". THESE INCLUDED CASES OF ARSON, A SHARP INCREASE IN CRIME BY WELL ARMED AND WELL FINANCED YOUTHS ON MOTORCYCLES. AND EVEN DISCOVERY OF A GROUP OF MIDDLECLASS WOMEN ORGANIZING A MARCH ON KINGSTON. AS THESE CONSTITUTED A OBVOUS PARALLEL TO CHILE, THOMPSON SAID THE GOJ FELT COMPELLED TO CALL THEM TO THE ATTENTION OF THE JAMAICAN PEOPLE.

8. JAMAICAN/CUBAN RELATIONS: THOMPSON SAID THAT JAMAICA HAS NEVER BROKEN ITS RELATIONS WITH CUBA DESPITE THE OAS EMBARGO. ON HIS FIRST VISIT TO CUBA IN 1962 THOMPSON WAS IMPRESSED WITH CUBAN EFFORTS AGAINST ILLITERACY AND IN PUBLIC HEALTH. HE FOUND CUBA A HIGLY REGIMENTED SOCIETY, HOWEVER, AND SAID JAMAICA WAS NOT PREPARED TO PAY THE POLITICAL PRICE FOR THESE GAINS. HE LAUDED CUBAN ASSISTANCE EFFORTS TO JAMAICA SPECIFICALLY THE COMPLETION OF SEVERAL MICRODAMS BY A CUBAN WORK FORCE AND A SCHOOL FOR 500 STUDENTS.
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